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This architect's rendering shows the new 42,000-square-foot headquarters planned for Southview, Inc., a Romulus flower wholesaler, on Ecorse Road west of Wayne Road. The firm, which services more than 500 customers in the floral business, hopes to move into the new building early next year. Illustration courtesy DeMattia Group

City council OK's new development district

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus City Council members approved the creation of an Industrial Development District Monday for wholesale florist Southview Inc., opening the door for the construction of a new 42,000-square foot distribution center.

The company hopes to open its new headquarters in January.

The third generation, family-owned-and-operated business services more than 500 customers throughout southeast

Michigan. Southview provides daily shipping of flowers, bouquets, plants and floral supplies to independently owned flower and gift shops, grocery stores and other retailers.

No retail sales to the public are part of the business.

Southview plans to relocate their business, a 29,000-square-foot building at 6855 Metroplex Drive in west Romulus to a 7.4-acre site on Ecorse Road west of Wayne Road.

By relocating, Southview will update the processing capability to better serve and educate cus-

tomers about the handling of the products.

"They're busting at the seams," said Jim Capo, vice president, design/build, at DeMattia Group.

"We turned down requests for thousands of Mother's Day mixed bouquets this year because we didn't have the space," said Larry Trybulec, Southview operations manager.

The firm recently had a preliminary groundbreaking at the new facility in Romulus, which is less than three miles from the current facility.

The new location will include a covered entryway with automatic doors, a lobby education area for classes and seminars, offices, warehouse space for floral supplies and fresh flowers.

Plans also include processing areas, a bouquet production area and multiple specialized coolers for fresh flowers.

Automated cutting machines will trim stems off flowers under treated water to prolong their life.

The firm, which currently employs about 90 people, hopes to increase staffing by about 50

percent during the next three years, Trybulec said.

Councilman Michael Prybyla said Southview is an example of a mom-and-pop business that started as a hobby and grew into a large distribution center.

"You should be proud of your family," he told Dan Gaunt.

Under state statute, an Industrial Development District must be established for a company to receive a tax abatement, said Timothy Keyes, economic development director for the city.

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Finalist in radio station contest could win trip for two to Mexico

It was a magical moment for Carole Bales.

The executive secretary for Joel R. Carr, superintendent of Romulus schools, recently learned local radio station WMGC Magic 105.1 staff members selected her as a finalist in their "Women Who Make Magic" Contest.

The contest, which the station initiated last year, honors Detroit area women who have made a little bit of magic in their world.

Paula Smith, secretary of the Romulus schools athletic department nominated Bales. Smith cited Bales' many acts of charity, noting that she often devotes her time and efforts to bring happiness to others.

When Bales was a secretary at Wick Elementary School, for

example, she organized a craft program for children during which they made holiday gifts for family members. Bales purchased supplies for the students and stayed after school to help them.

She also spent additional time helping students and district families by purchasing shoes, clothing and school supplies for them.

Smith said Bales is usually the first one to donate to fundraisers and community organizations and does special things for local senior citizens, such as make cheerful baskets for them.

Bales has also been the leader of the "Fishettes," a group of board office secretaries who introduced the "Fish" program to the Romulus School District. The four tenets of the program

are play, be there, make somebody's day and choose your attitude.

Bales also serves as union officer for Local 64.

Each Friday morning, announcers on the Magic Morning Show will announce two finalists who receive a gift certificate to English Gardens. The finalists will also be registered to win an all-expenses paid trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, courtesy Funjet Vacations.

The radio station representatives selected 30 finalists and will name a winner at an awards banquet June 5 at Andiamo Italia restaurant in Warren.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm will attend the event and draw the name of the finalist who wins the trip.



Carole Bales, executive secretary for Joel R. Carr, superintendent of Romulus schools, has been named a finalist in the "Women Who Make Magic" Contest sponsored by WMGC radio station Magic 105.1. Bales will attend an awards banquet June 5 at Andiamo Italia restaurant in Warren, where the winner will be announced.

Public invited to Johnson Creek Day Saturday

Scott Spielman
Editor

Tucked in the western portion of Northville and Plymouth Township, Johnson Creek is a unique waterway attached to the Rouge River Watershed.

With headwaters west of Napier Road, the creek is the only cold-water tributary of the Rouge River. This makes it an invaluable feature of western Wayne County, according to Janet Bernardino, president of the Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG).

The group will host the third annual Johnson Creek Day Saturday, she said. The day-long event includes many informative and fun events designed to give participants the answer to the question: Why is Johnson Creek cold?

The event starts at 9 a.m. with a nature walk in the Northville Ridge subdivision, which is located on Six Mile Road west of Ridge Road.

"We'll be taking a look at the natural features along the creek site," Bernardino said.

And there are plenty of unique features to see, she said. The site contains a perched wetlands, which is a wetlands located in an unusual spot; it's on a high patch of ground, and it's not associated with any other waterway. It's essentially a swamp on a hill.

"That's what makes it unique,"

There's cooperation between the citizens, the developer and the government. It's a good thing.

Bernardino said.

The site also contains a cold spring nearly 20 feet in diameter, a mixed old-growth forest and several endangered plant species, including wild butternut plants.

"To have healthy native butternut is a rare thing these days," Bernardino said.

Those two main features – cold springs and an abundant tree canopy – are the reason the water in Johnson Creek is less than 70 degrees all year long, she said.

The Johnson Creek Day also includes clean up projects along the creek bed, a fishing derby and celebration of the volunteer efforts that have gone into protecting the unique waterway.

The clean up projects begin at 10 a.m. and take place in three locations along the creek. The staging ground will be at Fish Hatchery Park, which is off Seven Mile Road west of Sheldon Road, Bernardino said. Volunteers will meet there and be dispatched to one of the other locations.

When they return they will find Fish Hatchery Park packed with interactive displays and set

up for a variety of activities. John Beuter, owner of Beuter's Outdoors in Northville, will put on a fly-fishing demonstration. The pond will be again stocked with trout for a fishing derby, members of a bat conservatory will be on hand with live bats to show why they are important to the ecological system. Jim McGrath will be on hand at about 2 p.m. with a demonstration with frogs, snakes and toads.

"That was such a hit with the kids last year that we wanted them back again," Bernardino said.

The Johnson Creek Day is the second of two major events the JCPG organizes every year, according to Bernardino. The first is an informative meeting that takes place in February where members talk about their plans for the creek during the coming year.

She said the group has been very effective in with educational and conservative efforts. Members have put together a technical advisory committee that has offered advice regarding developments that take place along the fragile waterway. She said the relationship between the

group and Grand Sakwa, who is developing the Northville Ridge subdivision, is about as good as the group hoped. Sakwa has relocated plots to ensure a minimal infringement on the creek and planned bike paths that take advantage of the natural features like the springs and forest. Rather than build on some of the land, the developer has donated

it to the township. Those are some of the factors that earned Sakwa a conservation award from the Michigan Conservation Committee, Bernardino said.

"This is the kind of project we want everyone to see," she said. "There's cooperation between the citizens, the developer and the government. It's a good thing."



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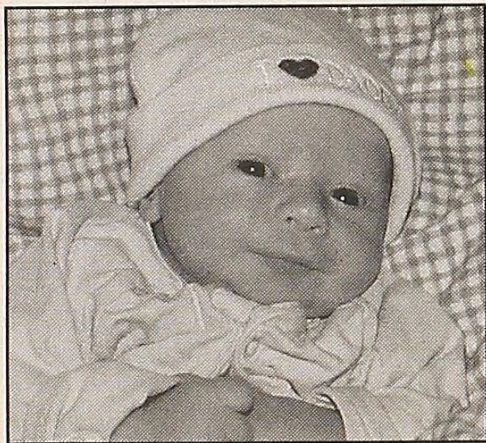
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Street smart

Program shows dangers of drunk driving

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Life on the streets takes on a whole new meaning when you're a firefighter and paramedic.

The streets are where the auto accidents occur, where poor choices have played out, where teamwork is a must and where split seconds can save a life.

It's these kinds of life-changing experiences that create the backdrop for a dramatic, gripping program called Street Smart presented to Romulus High School Students last week.

Street Smart takes teens into the real-life drama firefighters and paramedics experience as they work to save the lives of those who choose to drive while intoxicated or simply not wear their seatbelt.

Members of Stay Alive From Education (S.A.F.E.), a nonprofit organization formed by firefighter/paramedics in Dade County, FL, dedicated to reducing teen injuries and fatalities, put on the program.

Presented in a classroom setting, two certified paramedics from S.A.F.E.—Joe McCluan and Kirsten Svela—walked Romulus students through what happens at a trauma scene with the medical equipment they use daily in

their jobs. From taking a victim's pulse, to loading the victim onto a backboard to simulating the insertion of an IV line, students can see and feel what it's like to try to save a life.

Bill Ventola, coordinator of consumer awareness and education/training at Central Distributors of Beer in Romulus, brought the Street Smart presentation to Romulus.

McCluan and Svela visited students in Battle Creek and Auburn Hills as well last week.

McCluan said the program began in 1989, and since that time he has addressed more than 39,000 students about the dangers of driving and drug use, as well as not wearing seatbelts.

"This program began because a couple of firefighters in Miami got tired of seeing so many senseless deaths due to driving under the influence or not wearing seatbelts," McCluan said.

"Bringing Street Smart to Romulus is part of our continuing effort to encourage responsible use of our product," Ventola said. "It's a very effective program."

He noted that officials from Central Distributors, the local Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, will also match donations collected

by area Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) organizations up to \$250.

The distributor has several programs that promote zero tolerance for young people and responsible use of alcohol for adults. In Operation ID, for example, the company partners with police by distributing information to help party stores identify underage buyers of alcohol.

"We're going to show you the consequences of your actions if you drink and drive or don't wear your seatbelt," McCluan told the students at the May 8 program. The two paramedics passed around graphic photos of vehicular accident victims from various communities in Florida.

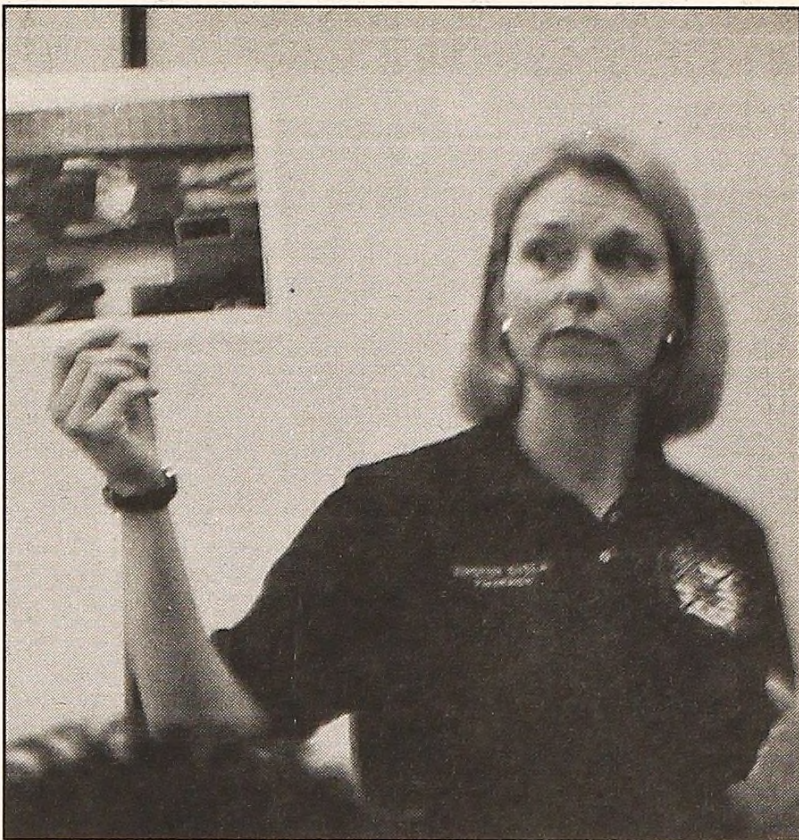
"Most of the time when I pull dead bodies out of cars, these people don't have their seatbelts on," McCluan said.

In fact, more than half of all traumatic traffic injuries occur because people didn't wear their seatbelt, he said.

"You're also 25 times more likely to die if you're thrown from your vehicle," Svela told students.

Obviously, drugs and/or alcohol are often involved, too, they said.

Svela told one story about a group of students who visited Panama City, FL, near her home.



Kirsten Svela, a paramedic and member of the Stay Alive From Education (S.A.F.E) program in Florida, showed pictures of accident victims and talked about the risks of drug use and not wearing seatbelts while driving. Three sessions of the program took place May 8 at Romulus High School.

"They were playing football on the beach, smoking marijuana and drinking. They decided to move the party to the 11th floor of their hotel. One guy went long on a pass and fell to the ground. All we could do at that point was wash body parts off the street," she recalled.

"Someone dies in a traffic accident every 13 minutes. Statistics show that someone sitting inside this room will most

likely die a traumatic death," McCluan said.

"How do we stack the odds in our favor? By not drinking or using drugs while driving and by wearing seatbelts," he said.

Street Smart is one of more than two dozen community-based alcohol awareness and education programs sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and its more than 600 independent wholesalers across the country.



Economics lesson

State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor, Romulus), second from right, recently discussed educational issues with Romulus adult education students, including Ebony Huguley, left and Richard Littler, center. Hopgood explained that the Michigan House of Representatives recently voted to retain the adult education stipend of \$2,800 per student but lowered the number of students each adult education center can serve. However, Gov. Jennifer Granholm lowered the amount to \$880 per student in her recent budget proposal. Legislators will resolve this discrepancy in a House-Senate conference, according to Hopgood. Also pictured are Sharman Spieser, adult education director, and teacher Rob Geyer-Sylvia.

District - Wholesaler to expand, add more jobs

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The City of Romulus currently has 132 such districts; 82 are developed and 50 are undeveloped.

Tax abatements are usually

given strictly to manufacturing operations. The company will be classed as an agricultural processor. "There has been precedent set for this type of classification in Grand Rapids as far as the tax abatement statute," Keyes said.

"This is a unique business," Keyes said.

"The intent is to make it easier for them to be successful and prosper," he said. "Ultimately, we want to create new jobs as well as retain current ones."

City sets Clean Sweep Day

It's time to clear out the cobwebs and welcome spring to the area.

In this spirit of spring cleaning, the City of Romulus will have a Clean Sweep Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Volunteers are asked to report to city hall at 9 a.m. where employees from the Department of Public Works will provide gloves, bags and rakes to use in cleaning up designated areas in the community.

"Take pride in your community and come out to help," Councilman LeRoy Burcroff urged residents at the city council meeting Monday night.

City officials recently contacted Romulus schools, churches,

social organizations and staff from the 34th District Court to help in Clean Sweep Day.

The city is also allowing free dumping for Romulus residents only on Saturday and again during the week of May 19-24.

For a complete list of dumping rules, residents can obtain a flyer at Romulus City Hall.

The annual Citywide Rummage Sale is scheduled for the weekend of May 29-June 1.

To register for a free permit for the sale, visit the Romulus Recreation Center at 36515 Bibbins.

Residents can obtain a permit for one or more days.

For more information, call (734) 942-6852.

Three take carts on joyride

Motorists or residents who see someone driving down a Romulus street in a golf cart should probably alert the police.

Officers arrested one juvenile and two adults last week after they allegedly broke into Shady Hollow Golf Course on Smith Road at Wayne Road on three different days. The suspects are accused of taking golf carts on joyrides in the city the last two nights, according to Sgt. Jeffery Lazarski.

The incidents took place on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights.

"They didn't take any carts the first night they broke in. The second night, they took seven, and seven were recovered. The third night, four were reported stolen

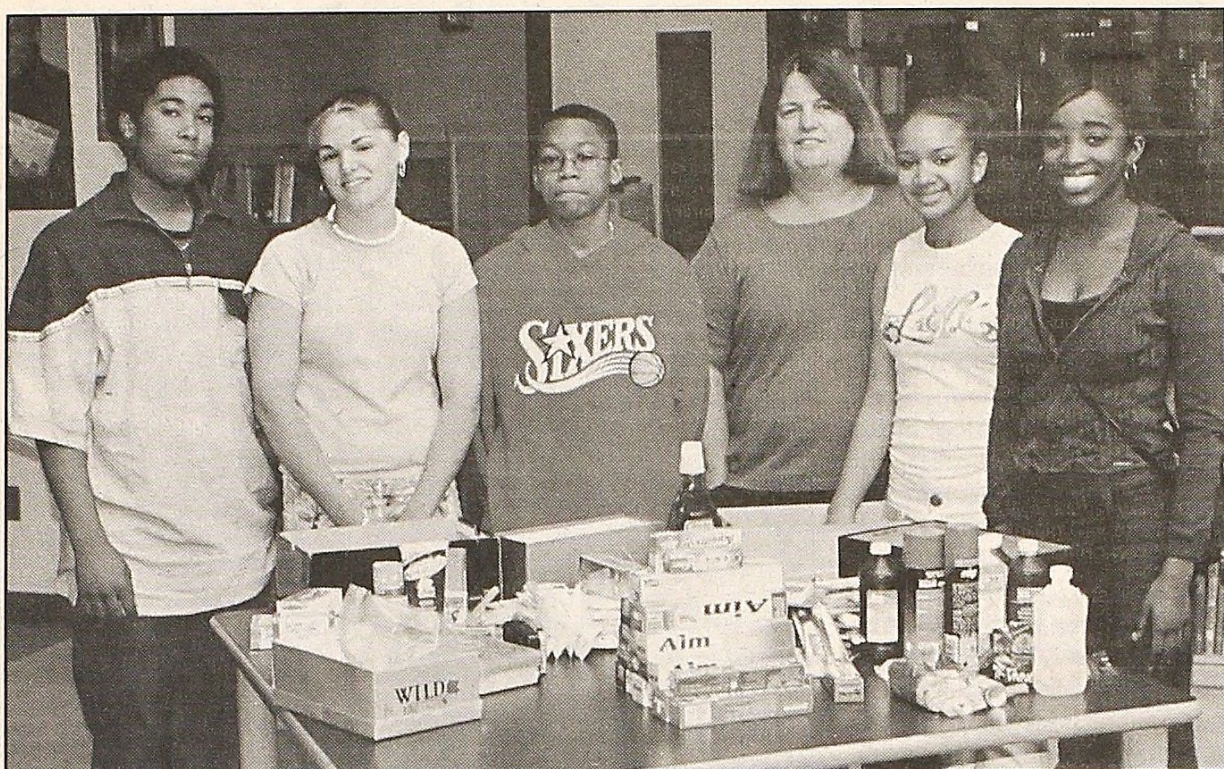
and three were recovered," Lazarski said.

"A Romulus police officer caught one suspect driving down the street in a golf cart," Lazarski said.

The adult will be charged tomorrow in 34th District Court, with the two juveniles scheduled to appear in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

"Charges haven't been determined yet. We will be forwarding our investigation to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office," Lazarski said.

The suspects could be charged with auto theft, since golf carts are defined as motorized vehicles, according to state statute.



Romulus High School students have been collecting personal hygiene supplies and snack food items to send to U.S. troops overseas. They have already sent 15 shoeboxes full of special treats for soldiers. Project helpers included, from left, Michael Sanders; Katie Appel; Ryan Goforth; Kathy Abdo, math teacher and project coordinator; Brittany Garrison and Krystle McKay.

Students send supplies to soldiers

Romulus High School students recently showed their support of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by sending boxes of personal care items and special treats.

Kathy Abdo, a math teacher at the school, started the student project. Her students have mailed 15 shoeboxes so far filled with snack foods and other supplies to Romulus area armed services members.

"We contacted the armed services and asked for the addresses of Romulus area enlistees so we could make their service time a little more bearable—especially for those located in Iraq and Afghanistan," Abdo said.

"We also received help from the community with

regard to names and addresses as well as donations for the project."

Students collected items such as shaving supplies, toothpaste and other dental care materials, soap, deodorant and other personal care items and snack food. Abdo said students have set a goal to send more than 50 boxes of supplies to the troops.

"Donations from the community have been just terrific," Abdo said.

Recent Romulus High School graduates who have received these special packages from home include Billy Chapman, Erin Jones and Ryan Martell.

Abdo noted that she has already received thank you notes from soldiers who received the supplies.

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Cuba libre

Local photographer documents life in Cuba

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Alone in Havana, strolling the streets and watching life through the eyepiece on his Nikon F1000, Jack Kenny is a man of the people.

Since 1996, the Plymouth-based businessman has been traveling to Cuba to photograph the storied faces and places of the island. Just back from his most recent visit, Kenny is now working on a series of photos shot outside the City of Havana.

Kenny says he has a love for the bittersweet life that appears in his photos — school girls smiling through missing teeth, a room full of tattered mannequins in flashy clothes, boys playing ball in front of an old wooden house sliding off the foundation.

"It's a great place to shoot," he says. "The streets and the buildings, the old cars — it's just a different place. It feels different and it looks different."

Excited with the success of his visit in April and May, Kenny is eager to continue working on the series of photos depicting the wooden houses of Playa Baracoa. But before he returns for his 31st visit in seven years, he says

there's some work to do at home.

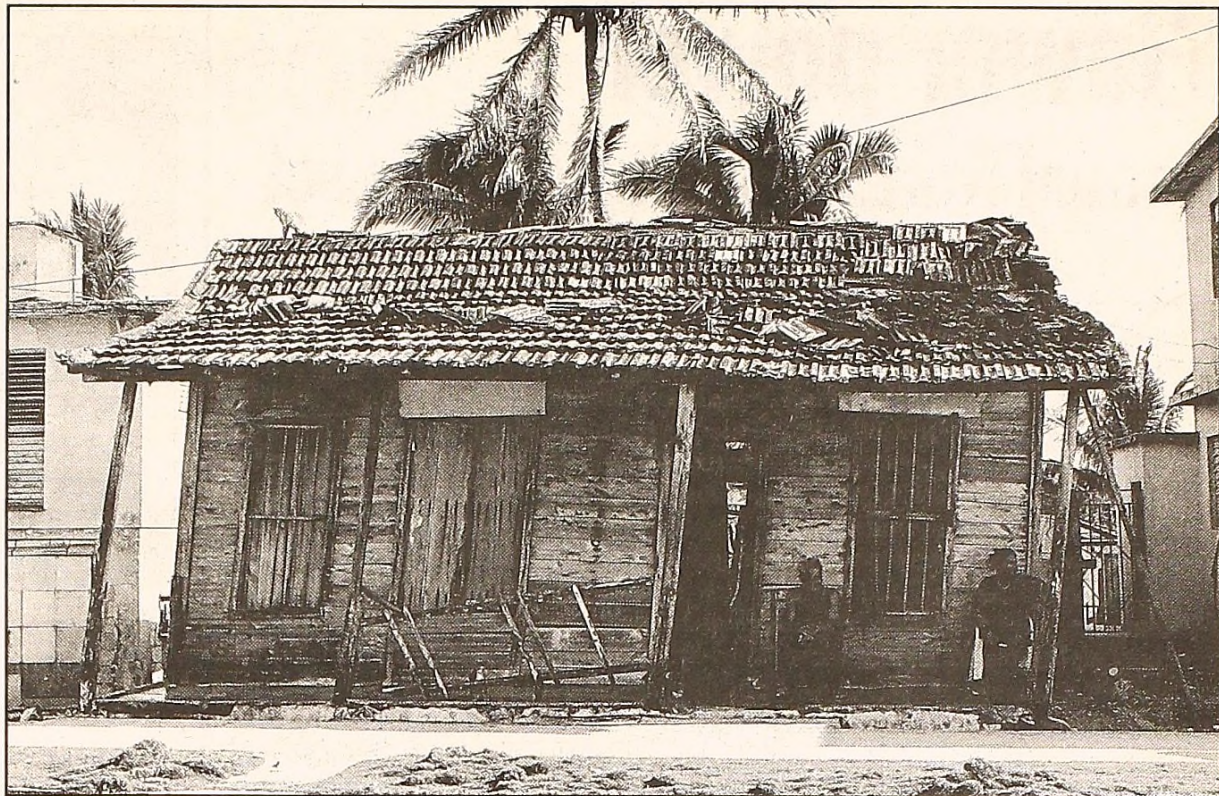
Kenny is the proprietor of Quicksilver Photo, an independent film-processing lab in Plymouth. And like other film labs, Quicksilver is trying to catch up with the digital age.

"When things were good, we did about \$60,000 a month in commercial accounts," he says, referring to the local manufacturers and real estate brokers who brought in hundreds of dollars in film each week. "Nowadays we're lucky if we clear \$30,000."

The last three years have brought Kenny a very Cuban mix of joy and frustration, as his ascendancy as a photographer has crossed the sagging business of photo processing. He says the difficulties began in 2000 when the rising wave of digital technology crested earlier than anticipated.

"Nobody in this business thought digital camera technology would improve as quickly as it did," he says. "By 2000, lots of people changed or were changing over from film. It all happened really fast."

Since then, the effects of the technological sea change have rippled through all aspects of his business.



After some 30 trips to Cuba, Jack Kenny has taken his camera to Playa Baracoa, a beach town where once-stately wooden homes built in the '20s and '30s by the elite of Havana are disappearing each day.

The number of commercial accounts — once his bread and butter — is down from 150 to 50 "small, periodic" customers, he said. As a result he has cut back on the full-time staff, down from 10 people to two.

Much of his machinery became obsolete in the changeover, as well.

"The developer I bought for \$215,000 was worth \$15,000 two years later," he said. "It's hard to bounce back from that kind of depreciation."

Nonetheless, Kenny is trying to make a quick change from the customer base that no longer needs him to the individuals and families

lies in Western Wayne County.

The buoyant optimism and quick smile that help him as a photographer might help him weather the storm of technological change.

He recently took delivery of a new developer — replacing four that are now for sale — that can print photos from any medium, whether 35 mm negatives, slide film positives or digital sources like compact discs and memory cards.

He's also expanding his studio space to attract more business from professionals and families looking for portraits or resume head-shots.

Kenny even built a gallery in the basement of his Ann Arbor Road lab to exhibit his work and that of other photographers and artists.

Of course, most of the shots are of Cuba.

That comes as no surprise to those who know Kenny, who says he fell in love with the country during his first visit in 1996. Since then, he's been back about 30 times.

In 1997, the country requested his love by organizing an exhibition of Kenny's black-and-white nude photography at Cuban

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Help Rebuild Our Farm

The Northville Community Foundation has created an Endowment Fund for the Maybury Farm. In light of the recent fire at the farm the Northville Community Foundation has begun this fund to help rebuild the barn, replenish animals, and for the basic upkeep of the beloved facility.

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...About Maybury State Park Living Farm

One of the highlights of Maybury State Park was the Living Farm. It was established in 1975 when the park first opened. The Living Farm represented a small family farm where general farming practices were demonstrated. Visitors of all ages could see what life was like on a turn of the century farm. The equipment, tools and practices used told the farming story typical of farms that dominated Wayne County's landscape in the early 1900s. The farm not only produced food for local markets, but also supplied most of the milk, eggs, meat, vegetables, herbs and some of the fruit used by the family. Chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, dairy cows, beef cattle, goats, sheep and pigs were all raised on the 40 acre Living Farm. The farm was totally destroyed by fire on February 12th and all but two of the 50 animals were killed.



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Flower power

Annual Northville Garden Sale set

Scott Spielman
Editor

The streets of downtown Northville will be filled with a few extra flowers next weekend.

Flowers and landscape accessories will replace cars on the streets when the annual flower sale organized by the Northville Central Business Association (NCBA) returns for the 16th year May 23-24.

Ronnie Cambra, who is coordinating the event said more than 15 area greenhouses will bring their products to the city.

"It's wonderful quality at good prices," she said.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, rain or shine. She said she's expecting everything from flowers and hanging baskets to wrought iron landscape accessories, trellises and garden art. There will also be a wide selection of annuals, perennials, shrubs exotic plants and ornamental grasses.

"We'll have quite a variety," she said. "They do it all. It's like a miniature Eastern Market."

The flower sale has been popular in the past even though it takes place during the Memorial Day weekend. That's partially why the organizers start it on Friday morning, Cambra said, so that holiday travelers could stop by and purchase flowers before they take their annual road trips.

Main and Hutton streets will be closed during the event, and the downtown backdrop will provide shoppers with virtually any sort of refreshments.

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miniature Eastern Market."*

Ronnie Cambra
Event coordinator

"We have a lot of cafes and places that are quick and easy to get to," she said.

Flower vendors will arrive in the city between 5-6 a.m. Friday, and many are ready to sell as soon as they set up their booths, so early risers are welcome.

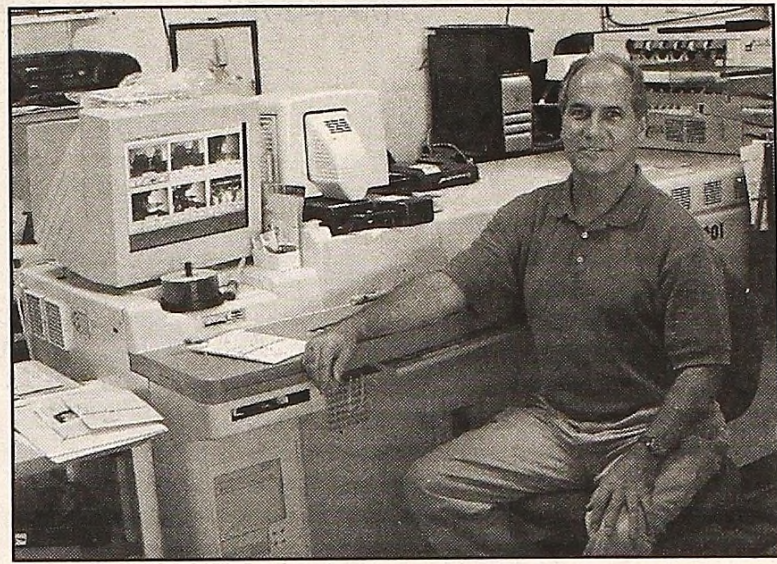
The NCBA is a group of downtown merchants that promotes the downtown shopping district. The flower sale is one of their largest fundraisers, according to Cambra, who owns The Kitchen Witch.

"It helps us to build up a fund to put on our annual Christmas celebration," Cambra said. "It helps us put on the lighted parade and our candlelight walk."

The funds may also go to purchase new signage for downtown events. Cambra said the ones they've used are relatively old and starting to go to seed.

The event is a good one for the downtown businesses, as well, because it brings people who don't traditionally go to the town into the community.

"It's a wonderful day, but it's not necessarily a gangbuster day for sales," she said. "We get a lot of exposure and a lot of people come back."



Jack Kenny is seated at the controls of the new photo processing equipment that he hopes will boost business at Quicksilver. The new machine can make prints from film negatives, slide positives and digital cameras alike.

Cuba

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national gallery of art.

"After that show I was quickly famous in Cuba," he said. "There's an openness on the island about sex, the body and life that has something to do with political equality. Nobody has too much. There's not a lot that distinguishes poorer and wealthier (people)."

During the show, Kenny met Roberto Salas and Alberto "Korda" Diaz. Salas is the son of Osvaldo Salas, one of the so-called epic photographers of Cuba, whose work with Diaz documented Castro's revolution from 1952-1958.

Kenny kept up his relationship with Korda for years, eventually introducing him to his daughter Lauren, during a trip before Korda's death in 2001.

An Ann Arbor resident, Kenny chairs a committee appointed by the city council to establish Remedios, Cuba, as a sister city. Ann Arbor has sister cities in Africa and South America, exchanging

resources for education, medicine and the arts.

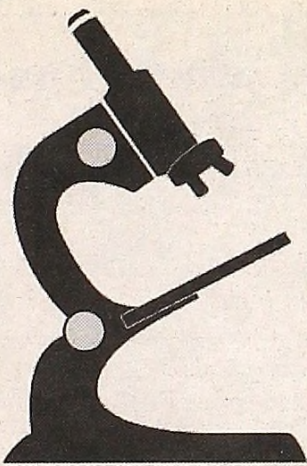
If the changes at Quicksilver don't slow him down, Kenny says he plans to return to Cuba sometime around autumn to continue shooting the houses of Playa Baracoa.

"These are homes from the '20's and '30's built by the wealthy in Havana," he said. "It's cooler there than in the city and they built these homes with gigantic doorways and porches to catch the breeze."

Traveling alone makes it easier to meet people and find places that are interesting to his photographer's eye.

Pointing to one of the prints from his most recent project, Kenny identifies a man who invited him into the wooden home where he and his retarded daughter have lived for decades.

"I got to know this guy when I shot the picture back in March," he said. "When I went back last month, there was a huge hole in the roof but they were still there. It seems rough but that's just how they live."



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OPINION

A hard lesson learned

City of Wayne officials took their first look at the proposed budget for 2003-2004 Monday night and saw the news wasn't as bad as they thought.

True, they will be forced to make drastic cuts and true, they won't be able to offer the same types of services, but the proposal already shows that they have taken the first step toward financial recovery.

One of the positive things hidden in all the numbers is the growth of the undedicated fund balance. When city officials looked at the bottom line in January, they operated under the impression that even if they made the drastic cuts they proposed, they would only have a fund reserve of about \$224,000, a historically low 1.6 percent of the general operating fund.

Their cost containment measures were even more efficient than they hoped, though. By renegotiating with unions, having department heads pay a larger chunk of their medical bills and reducing the amount of overtime, they've managed to increase that figure to about \$418,000, or about 2.6 percent of the general balance. That's about half of what they would like, but it still shows that the city made great strides toward improving their bottom line, even if there are funds included in that figure from land they recently sold.

What the City of Wayne has demonstrated may be perhaps the new line of thinking among local government municipalities as they deal with cuts from state shared revenue sources. They will be more cautious when it comes to depending on revenues that come from other sources and more apt to maintain a thin work force.

City Manager John Zech said that the difficult lesson that city officials learned is that the most not only evaluate the need for every employee on an immediate basis, but for the future to ensure that they will still be able to afford the employee when the economy takes a turn for the worse, as they inevitably do.

It means that it will be difficult for people to get a 'cushy' government job, but it also means that there may be no such thing as a 'cushy' government job any longer. City workers will be forced to take on extra duties, juggle a few more hats and work a little harder to ensure the services to the citizenry are there. And the rest of us will just have to be a little more patient.

The City of Wayne is only one landlocked and primarily built-out community in western Wayne County grappling with funding realities in a post Headlee economy. They've learned the hard way that the extra services they provide – like those in their second-to-none parks and recreation department – will be sorely missed when funding dries up.

It's a good thing to keep in mind when the economy rebounds, and funding is more plentiful.

A jewel of a group

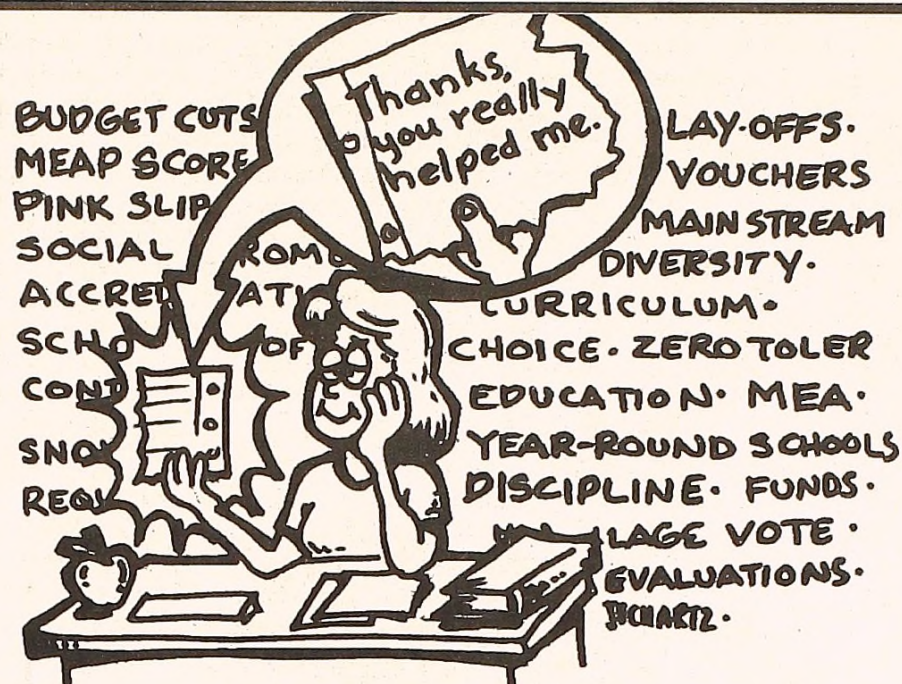
The Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG), which was formed to oversee a unique waterway attached to the Rouge River watershed, is a perfect example of how effective a grass roots campaign can be.

The group organized as development headed west in Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships where the headwaters of the cold-water tributary are located.

Members raised general awareness of the creek, which is host to several unique and rare species of plant and animal life and pointed out how vulnerable the stream would be to the encroaching development.

Fishermen who have long known that the creek is one of the best kept local secret fishing holes – it's the only place in the Detroit metro area that is home to brown trout – may have lamented the additional attention the waterway has received in recent years, but even they

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Teacher appreciation week

It's personal, not political

Anyone who has ever been to a concert and watched one on television knows there's a big difference between the two.

It's the same in virtually every aspect of life – there's just no substitute for being there.

For instance, you can watch city council meetings on cable; most municipalities tape them and play them back later. You may think you get a good idea of what is happening in town, a good idea of the personalities involved and how local government works.

But that's not always the case. Televised meetings are a good thing – they give more residents an opportunity to watch their elected officials in Lansing. It's important to remember, though, that you can only see what the camera is pointed at, only hear what the microphone picks up, if anything at all.

And that means you sometimes miss the good stuff.

In the City of Wayne, for example, where the election season is just getting under way, many people may get the wrong idea about Mayor Al Haidous.

When pressed on some issues or when a resident hints there may have been wrongdoing on the part of the city, or suggests that someone in the city may not have its best interests at heart, he becomes a bit short-tempered.

People watching the last two city council meetings may have witnessed virtual shouting matches between Haidous and a few members of the audience. They might be shocked at his actions and file it away for the coming election. That would be a mistake because, while the shouts did occur, it's not the whole story.

I was in the audience during those meetings, part of the crowd that tried to be unobtrusive as they argued. Though not involved, I felt a little embarrassed for both sides.

I was also there after the meeting, when the cameras were off, when Haidous shook hands with the resident and they talked as if the shouting matches hadn't occurred.

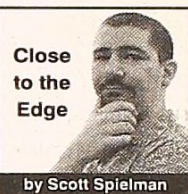
That's the side of Haidous that people watching from home wouldn't see. He's just a guy that really loves his community; it's his home, his lifeblood, the residents are his customers as well as his neighbors. He cares deeply for it and it bothers him when anyone accuses him or someone on the city of anything from laziness to malfeasance.

I'm not saying it's OK to shout at someone from the dais. There's no excuse for getting into that type of argument, no matter how obtuse each side may think the other. I just understand the passion.

I know I have only lived in the city for five months, but I already feel the pride of a life-long resident. I still feel it when I walk down my street and see copies of The Eagle newspaper, yellowed and unread, at the base of my neighbors' porches.

I feel the same indignant anger rising when someone puts down the city – in fact I'm forced to go into a long litany of praises on the many parks around my house, the community center and everything else I can think of.

If you watch city meetings on cable, you'll get a look at how the city works and the people who run it. You may even witness a charged discussion or two. But to know the passion of the people involved, you've got to be there in person. But that's not a bad thing, is it?



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Letting go of negative is your choice

My daughter Anastasia walked into the kitchen, "Good morning," I said as I made coffee.

"Morning," Annie said in a dreary kind of way. For the third day in a row, the weather was overcast and gray, which doesn't help a, "Hi. How are you? Have a happy, happy day," kind of feeling. But, there was something more going on with Ann than the weather.

"Something troubling you?" "No, I'm just feeling a little down," Annie said moodily.

"Hmm." I finished making coffee and started cutting fresh fruit.

"Dad, how do you get rid of hard feelings?" "What do you mean?"

"Well, Kean and I had this stupid fight last night over nothing and I'm still feeling crummy about it.

I've still got hard feelings."

Kean is her boyfriend.

"Just choose to shift your feelings," I said.

"I can't. That's really hard to do.

"If you say you can't, you won't," I said sounding to myself like Forest Grump's mother. "Yes, it may be hard, but what you feel is your choice. What are you feeling?"

"Just funky."

"Shift, choose another feeling, or determine why you're feeling this way. Guilt? Anger? Having to be right? Choosing to hang onto the negative?"

"Kean says he doesn't like to get into these things because I can't just let it go. You know, after 10 minutes or so, act like it didn't happen. It's like Kean



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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SHIP AND SHORE

Marine Corps Pvt. Kristin A. Vining, the daughter of Kathleen A. Vining of Harvard Lane in Canton Township, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C.

Vining is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Ashley R. Fields, a 199 graduate of Plymouth High School in Canton Township, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Fields is one of more than 8000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships and squadrons of the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Battle Group.

Navy Petty Ofc. Third Class

Ryan L. Richardson, the son of Nancy C. Bye Montana and Vincent P. Richardson of Canton Township, recently completed a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf which assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, homeported in San Diego.

During this deployment, Richardson's ship visited ports in Singapore, Bahrain, Seychelles, Australia, Guam and Hawaii where the crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Navy Seaman Jabari H. Brooks, the son of Kathryn Patillo and Darcel Z. Patillo of Inkster, recently reported for duty with Joint Maritime Communications Center in the United Kingdom.

Brooks is a 2001 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School

and joined the Navy in August of 2001.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Ralph N. Lambert, the son of Ralph N. Lambert, Sr. of Westland, is currently on his sixth month of deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay, homeported in San Diego.

Lambert is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group.

The battle group is currently on the longest deployment since the war on terrorism began.

Lambert joined the Navy in August of 1986. He is a 1984 graduate of Eastern Michigan University Michigan where he earned his bachelor of science degree.

Negative - Feelings are a choice

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and his brother George get into a fight, and I mean they're rolling around on the floor really mad at each other. Ten minutes later, it's like nothing happened. I just can't do that."

Annie walked into her room when it hit me like a log across the head.

"Ann, I just thought of a way to quickly get over wasted negative feelings."

She came back into the kitchen.

"When you wake up feeling misplaced, or out of sorts from a negative experience that you still feel funky, do this. Pick up the morning paper, go directly to the obituary section, pick a funeral that day- any funeral and go to it. Think that will help you shift to a more carefree way?"

"I get the point," my daughter said and went back to her room.

That thought occurred to me, I imagine, because a friend had died and although I didn't want to, I was going to the funeral later that morning.

At the funeral, my thoughts on how to get out of self were really validated. Things like that happen when I do what I don't want to do.

My friend, Jud Decker, had

been a most gentle man who always had a smile and a kind word. I can't tell you how many times Jud would look at me when I was struggling with life and say, "Jerry, God loves you just the way you are."

At the funeral people talked of the man and his spirit.

"I'm sure God was with him every day for the last 27 years," the mother of his children said. "Especially when he was driving."

Others talked of how supportive Jud had been, and how he lovingly refused to judge others.

I looked at my friend one last time and thought, there's not a problem in my life too big to handle... so important that it keeps me in a state of fear and worry.

Immediately, I felt grateful to be alive and so fortunate to understand I have the power to choose the way I feel.

Celebrate life, don't just survive it.

Jerry frequently speaks on happiness and life, including lowering stress in the work world. His book "Life is a Joke and God Wrote it" can be ordered through www.jerry-stanecki.com or PO Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, Mi. 48303. The total cost is \$19.50. ©2002 Jerry Stanecki Journal papers May 29, 2003.

Creek - Community group is effective and successful

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must realize that the efforts of the group have ensured the continued quality of the stream.

The JCPG organizes informational workshops every year and sponsors a river clean up day at the end of the spring.

That will take place this Saturday, launching from Fish Hatchery Park in Northville and traveling to three other sites

along the creek.

Those events are just the tip of their accomplishments, though. They've also rightfully been recognized as a contributor in the planning of developments for the immediate area of the creek. They have worked with developers to ensure that those projects are taken on with the utmost care given to the creek and environs.

They did that not by opposing the developments, but by ensur-

ing that township planners and the developers make them as ecologically sound as possible and by making enough sense to sway planners and project sponsors alike.

They did that by extolling the virtues of the creek and by pointing out that is a jewel in western Wayne County. They should know because, as the oft-quoted children's saying goes: it takes one to know one.

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Fifty mile an hour gusts weren't enough to keep the Shriners from putting on their annual circus opening parade. Residents flocked to Wayne Road and met many of the performers (above), even though they had to hold on to their hats. The circus opened yesterday at the Wayne Civic League in Westland. The circus will feature technical delights (below) and many trained animal acts. It continues through this weekend.

Big top Shrine Circus delights area crowds

Scott Spielman
Editor

In the end, not even 50 miles an hour gusts of wind could keep the Shrine Circus from opening on time.

The long running circus opened to the public yesterday at the Wayne Civic League on Wayne Road in Westland and performers will entertain crowds beneath the big top all weekend long.

The flyers have circulated for months, but the circus performers announced their presence publicly with an old-fashioned parade last Sunday, according to Richard Frembes, co-director of the circus.

It started at 1:30 p.m. at the Kmart parking lot on Cherry Hill and Wayne roads and proceeded from there to the Wayne Civic League building a mile or so up the road.

Performers and parade watchers alike held fast to their hats and other articles of clothing as vigorous wind gusts threatened

to transform the parade into an impromptu kite flying or hat chasing event.

The ceremonial raising of the tent was put off until Monday, when the winds were slightly more favorable to the prospect of raising the four-tiered, 40-foot big top.

The circus will be open through Sunday, May 18, Frembes said. There will be two shows a day on Wednesday and Thursday – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. – and four shows a day on the weekend at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

All the traditional circus acts will be on hand, including a hire wire act, a trapeze act, animal and clown acts and a quick change artists, according to Frembes. There will even be a pack of trained housecats that walk a tightrope, saunter around with birds on their shoulders or ride piggy-backed on trained dogs.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Frembes said.

The Wayne Civic League is the second Westland location for the Shriners. They first scheduled the circus for Westland Mall, but that location wasn't feasible when insurance costs for the event skyrocketed.

Frembes said the Shriners are a charitable group, and the funds they generate with the circus go to support their headquarters in downtown Detroit. He said the group was a fun offshoot of the Masons with 192 chapters in North America. There are four in Michigan.

He said the circus has been downsized during the years, but it's still an exciting event to attend.

"It's mostly volunteers for us," he said. "We've lost a lot of numbers so we can't afford to pay out a lot of money. We had to downsize it."

City officials have looked forward to the event, as well. Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said she was proud to have the traditional event come to the community. She said it would be a shot in the arm for the reputation of the community.

While several residents have complained at city council meetings that circuses tend to abuse the rights of animals, Cicirelli said the city already had ordinances in place to ensure no animals would be harmed or mistreated.

Besides, she said, the circus is a fun, family event.

"If it brings everyone together, it's a good thing," she said.



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ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 28, 2003
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro Tem Debbie Romak

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles, Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 14, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to grant a No Fee Permit to VFW Post 9568, 39270 Huron River Drive for their annual Garage Sale to be held June 6-8, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to grant the request from Michigan Host, Inc. (A Delaware Corporation) to drop County of Wayne as co-licensee and add Detroit Metro Ventures, LLC and Wayne County Airport Authority as co-licensees in 2001 Class C licensed business (issued under MCL 436.153 I (1 0); non transferable) (in escrow); and transfer location from James M. Davey Building, Detroit Metro Airport to Edward H. McNamara Terminal, Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. No action taken.

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4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize Councilman Prybyla, City Council's representative to the Planning Commission to actively participate in all meetings, either official or unofficial, including the Magna Project on Wick Road and Vining Road projects.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Prybyla
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 170

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution thanking the student body of the Romulus Elementary School for raising funds in the amount of \$686.00 for the proposed Romulus animal shelter.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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4C. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sylvia M. Rutkowski.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously,

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-31 as follows:

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101-3510.735-74.64	Cellular/Paging	480	200	680
101-3510.735.74.88	Training & Certification	650	1,052	1,702
101-3510.735.77-30	Contractual Services	0	11,095	11,095
101-3510-735.80-10	Capital Outlay	0	2,500	2,500

To recognize grant revenues and the expenditures for the FEMA supplement Grant for Terrorism Preparedness beginning in April and ending in December.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 173

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-32 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Local Streets				
Revenues:				
203-4300-511.67.50	Paving Inspection Fees	0	25,000	25,000
Expenditures				
203-4310-743.77-39	Contractual Services Engineering Services	40,000	25,000	65,000

To recognize paving inspection fees revenue and related engineering expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 174

5C. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-33 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Water and Sewer Expenditures				
592-4510.745.74-70	Services & Charges - Repair And Maintenance	70,000	5,000	75,000
Water and Sewer Retained Earnings				
Undesignated		4,615,456	(5,000)	4,610,456

To appropriate additional funds to cover the anticipated expenditures in water maintenance supplies for May and June, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 175

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-34 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Water and Sewer Expenditures				
592-4510.745.80-17	Land & Equipment Meters	0	37,900	37,900
Water and Sewer Retained Earnings				
Undesignated		4,610,456	(37,900)	4,572,556

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of new residential meters with RF Units and meter upgrades for Metro Commons to bring their system above ground.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 176

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Invoice 403005 from Blue Ribbon Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$8,123.75 from the Water and Sewer Fund.

See MEETING MINUTES, page 11

Distinguished alumni to be honored Sunday

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Three Belleville High School alumni will be honored for the remarkable lives they have led since graduation.

The three, Robert Evanski, who graduated in 1943, Sandra Lee Fulton-Love, a 1963 graduate and posthumous honoree Robert Doane, a 1952 graduate, have been named Distinguished Graduates this year.

This annual honor is bestowed on past graduates who have made significant contributions to their community.

Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools Larry Tabor will present the awards Sunday at the Belleville High School auditorium.

The ceremony will coincide with the induction of current students into the National Honor Society.

Evanski is a Belleville resident who worked to raise his five siblings after losing his parents at an early age. He and his wife, Gertrude, raised 10 their children in the community. A seasoned volunteer and community activist, Evanski continues to be an active member of the community with his involvement with St. Anthony's Church in Belleville and the Tri-County Sportsman Club.

"It's quite an honor. I was pleased to hear about it," Evanski said.

Fulton-Love currently serves as mayor of Gloucester Township in New Jersey. She began her political involvement as a legislative aide to then state assemblywoman Ann Mullen.

Fulton-Love was appointed mayor after Mullen's death in 1994 and was

elected to the office in 1994 and re-elected in 1998 and 2002. Her accomplishments in office include the establishment of both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Gloucester Township Human Relations Commission.

Fulton-Love is also the winner of several awards, including the Women Who Make a Difference Award, an honor from the Blackwood Rotary and a Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee Commitment Award.

Robert "Bob" Doane, a Mayflower descendant, was the official historian for the City of Belleville and a lifelong resident. He worked to preserve the history of the Belleville area by examining old records and mapping out the gravesites at Hillside Cemetery to update city records—all on a volunteer basis. Mr. Doane also helped establish the reprint of Samuel H. Robbe's 1930 book *The History of Van Buren Township*.

Mr. Doane belonged to numerous local and historical organizations, and served as grand marshal of the 2001 Strawberry Festival. He died last August from cancer.

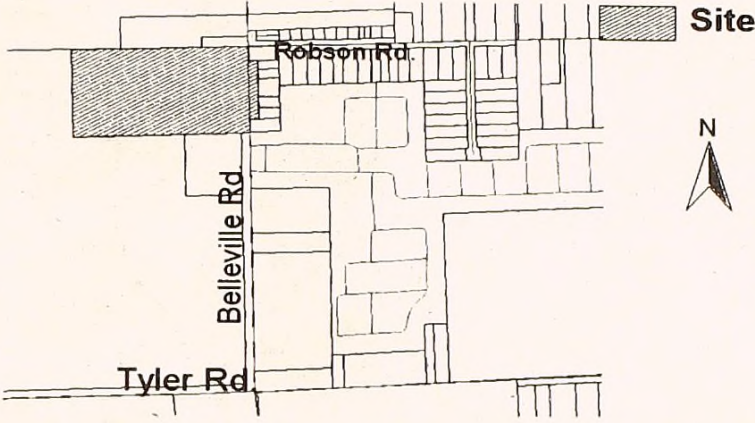
Members of the selection committee for the awards this year included Martha Brown, president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Bruce Greene, principal of Belleville High School, Barb Mitchell, the high school alumni coordinator and Shannon Ferguson of the Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library.

The Distinguished Graduate Program was established by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Sept. 8, 1997.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 28, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number **V125-83-036-99-0002-000 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to R-M (Multiple Dwelling Residential)**. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler Road and Ecorse Road.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 177

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan for the Biodiesel Fuel Incentive Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 178

5G1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth, pursuant to Chapter 7, Section 3(b) of the Romulus City Charter, to declare that an emergency exists regarding the cutting of noxious weeds in the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - Crova.
Motion Carried.

03 - 179

5G2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to introduce and adopt as an emergency, an amendment to the Romulus Codes of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Noxious Weed Ordinance. Same to become effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 180

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to schedule a Study Session to be held on May 5, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to discuss amendment and policy issues regarding the proposed RE (Rural Estates) zoning district.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 181

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on May 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments from the request from Southview, Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District on 7.16 acres (DP# 80 029 010033 301) on the south side of Ecorse Road, west of Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03 - 182

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization for payment of Warrant 03-08 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$466,870.31).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 28, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 15, 2003

Local car dealership hosts Z-club meeting

Scott Spielman
Editor

The sleek body lines and throaty engine roar are reminiscent of classic sports machines.

The low, scooped hood gradually builds in a graceful arc to the cockpit, an unassuming bump in an aerodynamic frame that delivers both style and low wind resistance.

Those are some of the features of the Classic Z car, which is enjoying a sort of revival among car enthusiasts.

Many of them were out at Dick Scott Nissan Saturday morning, when the dealership hosted a show for the Michigan chapter of the international Z Club.

"It's the first time we've done this, but we're hoping to make it a regular event," said Jeff Scott, owner of the Canton Township dealership.

Dozens of the classic Nissan sportsters were on the scene with drivers from throughout Michigan and Ohio.

They ranged from older versions in the beginning phases of restoration to new 300z models and everything in between.

Chris Karl used the opportunity to show off his silver 1991 350Z. Karl is from Cleveland but said he heard of the Michigan club and decided to make the trip. His car has a longer resume than many of those at the show - it's been used in television commercials.

He's put many modifications into the sleek roadster since he purchased it as well, like the computer-controlled Nitrous Oxide system that adds 100 horsepower to the 250 already thrown out by the machine.

A computer keyboard rests in the glove compartment, and a small built-in mouse pad sits next to the stick shift.

"There's not very much that's stock about the car anymore," he said.

The Michigan Z Club is about four years old, said Robert Matthews, who founded it after he had difficulty finding parts for his own roadster.

A little bit of internet research put him in touch with the master chapter and from there it was just a matter of forming up a club in Michigan, he said.



Chris Karl of Cleveland gives his 350 Z a little extra attention Saturday morning. The sports car has a computerized nitrous system built into the back of it.

"It's the first time we've done this, but we're hoping to make it a regular event."

Jeff Scott
Dealership owner

"Slowly, word got around," he said. "People started to sign up." He started the club with seven people and there are not more than 50 members. In 2000, they started to take an active role in the Dream Cruise along Woodward Avenue.

The car dates back to the 1970s, when it was introduced by the Nissan Corp. under the American marketing arm, Datsun. It's referred to as the poor man's Porsche or Corvette, because Matthews said the sports cars provide as much performance as those more well-known speedsters at about half the cost.

"It's getting a little more attention now, but they've been around for a while," he said. "It has a history."



Rob Matthews (above) started the Michigan Chapter of the International Z Club four years ago because he had difficulty finding parts for his car. The club now has more than 40 members.



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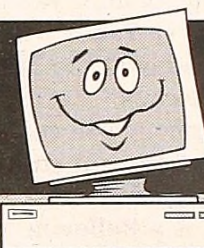
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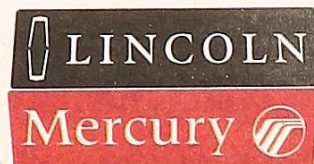
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Court welcomes young guests

Children of 34th District Court employees in Romulus had a chance to see how mom or dad spends the day recently during the annual "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

The national event, established by the Ms. Foundation, took place at the court May 1. The goal of the program, which was previously called "Bring Your Child to Work Day," is to give young people a glimpse of what their parents do as professionals.

A busy docket May 1 allowed 37 youngsters visiting the court to witness a typical day in the civil, criminal/traffic and probation departments. The 34th District Court serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus as well as Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

After a continental breakfast, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green welcomed employees' children.

Judge Brian A. Oakley handled courtroom duties while newly elected Judge David M. Parrott was absent due to a death in the family. Parrott was pleased with the event's excellent turnout, however.

Court visitors went on a tour of the three courtrooms and prisoner holding facility led by Al Hindman, director of security, and Green. Court officers Neil Jones, Dan Mefford, Bruce Preston, Dan Sanford and Tom Schmidtke showed them the metal detection site.

"When that door slams, you don't want to be on the other side," Green told the youngsters.

Staff members from the civil department welcomed four young people who were under the guidance of court clerks. Clerk Tracie Coffee brought her son, Joey, and clerk Jacqueline Peagler brought her grandchildren, Shantrice Tatum, Donald Myles Jr. and Aaron Myles.

Oneita Davis, director of the civil department, explained the duties of department personnel.

"The children followed a day-long agenda, which gave them not only a view

of the civil department work schedule but also how court staff members interact with police, fire and canine units," Davis said.

"We are glad to say that this yearly experience becomes a learning environment for all of us," she added.

Several Romulus police and fire vehicles as well as officials from the two city departments were also invited to share their work experiences with the young visitors.

Romulus firefighters Dan Perron and Scott Laduch manned the Romulus fire truck on display.

Romulus police officers Cliff West and Mike Grant showcased police vehicles at the event to the delight of youngsters Hunter Suchy and Cody Springer who sat in a vehicle and got to turn on the siren.

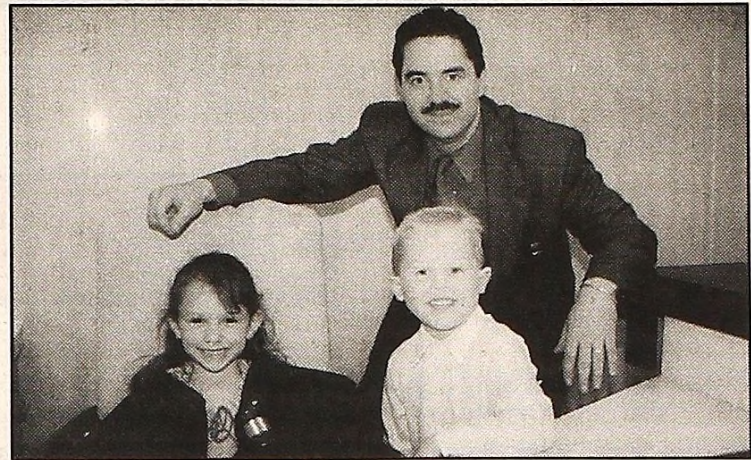
Through the efforts of Al Smolen, Van Buren Township Fire Chief, township firefighters, Lt. David McNally, Danny Wilson and Seth Keinglass brought a fire truck and the fire smokehouse, which is on loan from Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren townships. The smokehouse is a fire safety educational display.

The Van Buren Township Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team truck, manned by Sgt. Greg Laurain, SWAT Team commander, and Ofc. Mark Buckberry was also on hand with a variety of firearms on display.

Van Buren Ofc. Mark Buxton visited the youngsters on his police motorcycle. Detectives Mike Moening and Ken Floro provided information about the equipment in the walk-through Marine dive trailer. Van Buren Lt. Ken Brooks coordinated the officers' efforts.

Court staff members served the youngsters lunch while Green presented certificates of participation.

The children also received souvenir bags donated by court staff with coloring books, crayons, toy handcuffs and a Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) T-shirt from Ofc. Keith Nickrand of the Huron Township Drug Awareness



Te'a Greca dons a judicial robe and bangs a gavel as Judge Brian A. Oakley and Hunter Suchy look on at "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" May 1 at the 34th District Court in Romulus. The annual program attracted 37 youngsters this year.

Resistance Education (DARE) program.

McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, mingled with youngsters and posed for photographs with them.

Executive Lt. Thomas V. Mitchell, bomb

squad commander with the Wayne County Airport Police, showed bomb detonation gear to the visitors and Sgt. Robert Dawson of the Belleville Police Department talked to them about values.

NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF INKSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT Inkster Public Schools will hold its regular election on Monday, June 9, 2003.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be register to vote no later that 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2003. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, your county clerk's office or your local clerk's office.

Electors who wish to register with their county, or city township clerk are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Electors who wish to vote in the elections must have registered to vote no later that May 12, 2003.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

James L. Richardson
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: May 15, 2003

ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF INKSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2003

All voters are hereby given notice that Inkster Public Schools will hold its regular election on Monday, June 9, 2003. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Two School Board positions with full 4-year terms expiring June 30, 2007 will be filled at the election.

BOTH OPEN TO WRITE-IN

THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO THE BOARD POSITIONS:

Ocie L. Carswell, Jr.

THE POLLING LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| PRECINCT NO. 2 | Meek Milton Elementary School
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| PRECINCT NO. 3 | East Entrance of Baylor Woodson Elementary School
28865 Carlisle Avenue
Inkster, MI.
(for voters who formerly voted at Baylor School) |
| PRECINCT NO. 4 | Smith Chapel AME Church
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James L. Richardson
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ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

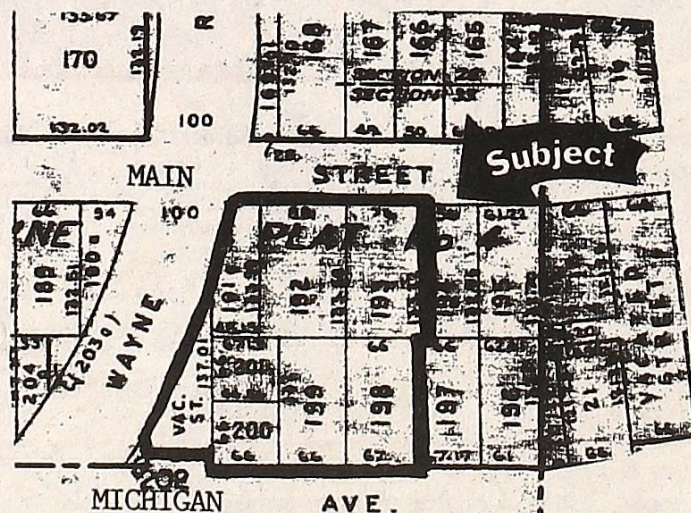
THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of the City of Wayne be amended and changed to show PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT where B-4, BUSINESS INTENSIVE, is now shown, as hereinafter described:

Parcel #55-018-01-0191-301

The northeast corner of Michigan Avenue East and South Wayne Road.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.



Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: May 6, 2003
Effective: May 16, 2003
Publish: May 15, 2003

OBITUARIES

GRIFFITH, Ralph Edward

Ralph Edward Griffith, 73, of Belleville, died April 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife, Darlene (Redden) Griffith; children, Donald E. (Rhonda) Griffith of Ypsilanti, Terry (Dominga) Griffith of Walled Lake, Sue (Joseph) Dulmage of Belleville and Greg (Tina) Griffith of Saline; sisters, Gladys (David Jr.) Conley and Jean (Roger) Voorheis, Rita (Gerald) Spitz, all of Lucasville, Ohio and Freda Wheeler of Georgia; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Griffith was an elected constable and officer in Sumpter Township many years.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at the Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

BILLINGS, Kenneth Eugene

Kenneth Eugene Billings, 48, of Detroit, died May 2 at Henry Ford Hospital.

Among his survivors are his mother, Margaret Billings; sisters, Linda (Eric) O'Neill Trimble and Donna (Jeffrey) Heard; a brother, Rich Billings; nieces, Kathleen O'Neill, Megan Heard, and Kelly Daniels, and nephews, Brendan O'Neill and Lee and Brian Daniels.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob Hoey officiating.

WELCH, Ernest L.

Ernest L. Welch, 77, of Romulus, died May 7.

Among his survivors are his wife of 60 years, Hester (Hager) Welch; a son, Eugene Welch of Romulus; daughters, Lucille (Glen) Hensley of Cookeville, Tenn. and Rosalie (Dave) Hays of Tecumseh; 12 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Welch was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Marvin Hawbaker of

Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SCHWARTZ, Charles R. 'Butch'

Charles R. 'Butch' Schwartz, 54, a lifelong resident of Belleville, died May 5 at home.

Among his survivors are his son, Charles R. Reed of Belleville; nieces, Tammy Lynn (Tom) Robinson of Ypsilanti, Teresa Hill of Belleville and Ann Marie Rymut of Belleville; granddaughters, Megan, Raylene and Natalie, and nephews, Robert E. Laurence of Ypsilanti and Rick Allen Laurence of Florida.

Mr. Schwartz was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge and the Van Buren Eagles Club.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Tom Vernatt officiating.

DIEHL, Curtis Walter

Curtis Walter Diehl, 68, died May 7 at Evangelical Home in Fort Gratiot.

Among his survivors are his sisters, Jean Sieko of Wayne and Bernice Plummer of Crosswell.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Crosswell.

WEGIENKA, Theresa Christina

Theresa Christine Wegienka, 74, a long time resident of Belleville, died May 9.

Among her survivors are her children, Vincent R. Wegienka, Denise Hendrickson-McFay, Cynthia Wegienka, Lenora J. Flaig and Roxanne Beaudrie, all of Belleville; brothers, Paul Aldridge of Atlanta, David LeManski of Clawson and Marty Kalasz of Belleville; sisters-in-law, Theresa Robertson of Belleville, Mary Lou Lemanski and Marjorie Smith, both of Florida; 20 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Whittaker.

BAILEY, Wesley Seymour

Wesley Seymour Bailey, 66, of Belleville, formerly of Romulus, died May 8, at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sharon Ann (Melton) Bailey; children, Richard Wayne (Davida) Bailey of Taylor, Sharon Lynn Burke of Wyandotte, Roger Wesley (Kathy) Bailey of Brownstown, Susan Van Dusen of Oklahoma, Heidi (Steve) Fitzpatrick-Hunter of Romulus and Heather (Ronald) Lechner of Redford; sisters, Mabel A. (Joe) Biro of Bear Lake, Florence Alma Campbell of South Rockwood and Rosie Ilene (Buzz Atchley) Darrah of Riverview; a special friend, Bobbie Saffron of Belleville; 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bailey served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Chaplain Fred Cislo, Jr. officiating.

Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BUHRO, Billy Joe

Billy Joe Buhro, 26, of Westland, died April 27.

Among his survivors are his son, Bailey Joe Buhro of Westland, his father, Raymond T. Buhro also of Westland; his mother, Pamela J. (Mike) Erickson of Killen, Ala.; brothers, Raymond T. Buhro, Jr. of Taylor, Jon Buhro of Westland and Todd Erickson of Killen, Ala.; sisters, Susan Buhro and Misty (Ted)

Kinczkowski, Jr., both of Westland, and his grandmother, Jean (Dunn) Warren of Gobles.

Funeral services were at Greenhill Funeral Home in Florence, Ala.

Interment was at Lone Cedar Cemetery in Florence, Ala.

Local arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

UMHOLTZ, David C.

David C. (Bubba) Umholtz, 43, of Wayne, died April 17.

Among his survivors are his daughter, Michell of Arizona and a grandson, Anthony.

Local arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

REULBACH, Thelma Gene

Thelma Gene Reulbach, 61, of Westland, died May 7.

Among her survivors are her children, Debbie Carr, Duane (Sherry) Carr, Jr., Kevin S. (Tonyia) Carr, Michelle L. (Richard) Kassel, Michael M. Bennett, Tracey R. (Kino) Gaglio, Pvt. Trevor E. Michling, Edward B. Collins; sisters, Pat Abraham, Lessie Clark and Nancy Collins; brothers, James Collins Jr., Sam Collins, Fred Collins and Bill Collins, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.



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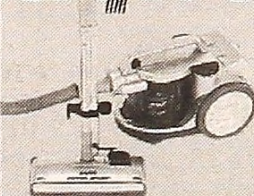
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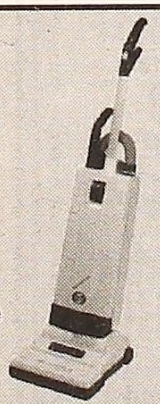


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Saddle up

Horse clubs hope to help efforts to rebuild destroyed Maybury Farm

Scott Spielman
Editor

Two local groups will saddle up for a fundraiser to help rebuild the farm at Maybury State Park in Northville.

The Maybury Trail Riders and the Raisin River Riders will sponsor a pancake breakfast and ride along June 8, according to Carol Kramb, chairperson of the Raisin River Riders, a Monroe-based organization.

"The tragic fire that killed most of the animals on the Maybury State Park farm has been a tremendous loss to our area, not only the loss of the animals that were housed there, but the relationship children enjoyed with those animals and the farm," Kramb said.

The event gets under way at 8 a.m. June 8 at the park, which is located off Beck and Eight Mile roads in Northville Township.

The donation is \$13 per person and does not include the park entry fee.

It does include breakfast, which will be served from 8-11 a.m., and horseback rides which will be given throughout the day. A 2 p.m. drawing will take place from prizes including a new La-

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Carol Kramb

Z-Boy chair, four rounds of golf at Brae Burn Golf Club, a \$50 gift certificate from Lake Side Saddlery and a \$50 gift certificate to Scott Colburn. More prizes will be announced later, Kramb said.

Part of the proceeds will go to rebuild the barn and replace the animals that were lost there when it burned down Feb. 12.

"We are hoping this will be a success so that the proceeds can be used for the foundation to help fund the running of a new farm," she said.

Several groups have organized to help fund the rebuilding of the farm at Maybury State Park. The Northville Community

Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, is also negotiating with the state to lease the land and provide for the ongoing maintenance and operations of a new farm.

Shari Peters, executive director of the foundation, said the state and the foundation were working on a plan to help the budget-strapped operation before it even burned down. Negotiations continue, but are moving slowly, she said.

She and the foundation have set up a Maybury Endowment Fund that she hopes to fund with donations from the community. She said she's collected more than \$30,000 so far - without any major corporate fundraising - to go toward the goal of \$1 million, which will provide for the needs of the farm on an ongoing basis.

She said she hadn't heard of the June 8 fundraiser, though.

"This has nothing to do with us," she said. "I don't know all the funds are going."

The foundation, because it has been approved for the endowment funds by the state, has to keep strict records of the funds it receives and disperses, she said. It also allows donors to get a tax credit on state and federal taxes.

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Northville police plan to 'show off' on Sunday

The Northville Public Safety Department is already making plans to send the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and plenty of other emergency personnel to the Meijer parking lot on Sunday.

But don't worry, it's not in response to an emergency event or new public health hazard, it's a public safety expo put together by Meijer and Samantha Bowlin, the community relations officer for Northville Township.

"We just want to generate some public interest and get some feedback from the community about what they want from us," Bowlin said.

She said the event would take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Meijer's located on Haggerty Road just south of Eight Mile road. Both the fire department and the police department will be on hand talking about the services they provide, including the D.A.R.E. program, SWAT team, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), the motorcycle and bicycle patrol and the crime prevention department. Safety items like helmets and pads will be on sale at the north side of the lot.

Bowlin said the public was welcome to attend. The idea behind the event, in fact, is to provide more information about the respective departments to the public.

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SPORTS

Canton Chief hurlers keep rolling along

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs poured on the offense Sunday when they hosted their annual Canton Invitational softball tournament.

The Chiefs had 43 hits on the day as they batted .394 through four games and came within a run of winning the tournament.

"It was pretty cold, windy and rainy," said Canton Coach Jim Arnold. "But I was extremely happy with the way we played. We're hitting the ball very well."

They used pitching to take the first two games, though. Molly Conlon took on Stevenson in the opener and struck out a career high 14 batters on her way to a four hitter. Canton won the game 4-2. Kaitlin McNicholas went two for four with a double and Janelle Brown went three for three in the game.

Next up for the Chiefs was Dexter, who they dispatched 10-0 in five innings. Renee Ross was the winning pitcher in that one. Rachel Wade went three for three with two triples, Brown went two for three and Ross was two for three, too.

The Chiefs followed that up

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Jim Arnold

with a 7-5 victory over Belleville. Michele Roeloff was the winning pitcher for Canton, who put on another offensive display. McNicholas went three for four with a triple; Wade went two for three; Brown was two for four with a double and Colleen O'Brien was two for three with a triple.

That set up the final game for the tournament championship, according to Arnold. The Chiefs took on Trenton and fell 5-4 after they hit a bases loaded single up the Trojans middle.

"It's just the kind of thing that can happen," he said. "You can't

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Busy week

Like every other team throughout southeastern Michigan the Salem Rocks are still playing catch up after bad weather forced the postponement of several games earlier this spring. The Rocks host Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. Friday.

Rockets top Wayne for second time

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The wind and cold didn't stop the John Glenn Rockets' varsity softball team from beating cross-town rivals Wayne Memorial Monday night in 12 innings.

"It was a great game played by both teams," said John Glenn coach Kim Shock. The final score was 7-4.

There was outstanding play by

both teams' pitchers, she said, but in the end it was the Rocket's starter, Dana Baran, who prevailed. She pitched all 12 innings and struck out 17 batters.

"It was windy and cold and hard to throw strikes," said Shock. "She did a great job."

The Rockets scored one run in each of the sixth, seventh, eighth and tenth innings. The team put three runs on the board in the twelfth to put the game away.

Megan Dean led the Rockets in hits, going 4 for 6 with two runs scored and one RBI. It was Sarah Tyree who batted in the winning run in the 12th.

"It was a double up the alley," said Shock, "a great hit."

The win put the team at 8-11 for the season. According to Shock, the team's great attitude, win or lose, has been the differ-

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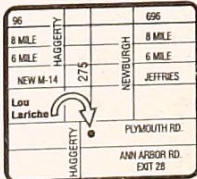
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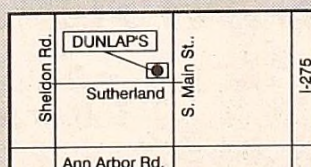
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Canton track team tops Stevenson

Bob Richardson, coach of the Canton Boys' track and field team, said he expected a challenge when the Chiefs took on Livonia Churchill last Thursday.

He said he was confident as the Chiefs went into the match but was surprised by how easily they dispatched the track powerhouse. They topped the Chargers 82.5-52.5.

"I thought we had enough to beat them, but I didn't think it would be by that much," he said.

The Chiefs jumped out to an early lead in the field events. Brad Waidmann took second place in the discus (134-feet, nine-inches). The Chiefs took the two top spots in the shot put, with Chris Snider in first (44-feet, 3.75-inches) and Bryan Frawley in second (42-feet, nine-inches).

They swept the high jump with a strong lead from Waidmann. His season best six-foot, three-inch leap gave him first place. Andy Rossow (five-foot eight-inches) took second and Matt McClellan's five-foot six-inch leap tied him for third.

Dan Driscoll took the honors in the long jump. His 19-foot, six-inch leap gave him first place. Rossow was third (18-feet, 8.5-inches). Driscoll earned a season best 12-foot, 10-inch leap on the pole vault, a season-best score that gave him first place there.

The Chiefs took the two top spots in the 110-meter hurdles, too. Steve Kiljanczyk (15.3) took first and Waidmann (15.4) took second in a close race.

"We can do no worse than tie for the division championship, but we want to win it."

Richardson said he was pleased with Waidmann - it was his first meet back in the lineup after he recovered from several muscle strains.

"He's running good and jumping good again," Richardson said.

Devin Thomas (11.0) and Corey Walsur (11.3) took the top two spots in the 100-meter dash. The Canton 800-meter relay team beat out the Chargers with a 1:33.2. It was Rossow, Brandon Reeves, Driscoll and Thomas who ran for Canton.

"We were feeling real good at about that time," Richardson said.

The 400-meter relay team put up a season best time of 44.3 seconds to earn the win there. It was Driscoll, Reeves, Thomas and Rossow who ran for Canton.

Brian Soash (51.9) took first and Jesse Williams (54.6) took third in the 400-meter dash.

The only points Canton earned in the distance events came from Aaron Lanning, who won the 1,600-meter run (4:43.1).

Kiljanczyk took first place in the 300-meter hurdles (42.2) and Rodney Preston took third (44.7). Thomas won the 200-meter dash (22.8) and Reeves came in second

(23.4).

The 1,600-meter relay team turned in a scorching time of 3:37.9 to take that event, too.

The Chiefs are 6-0 in dual meets and 3-0 in the division. They took on Franklin Tuesday for a chance to win the division outright, but the outcome of that match wasn't known at press time.

"We can do no worse than tie for the division championship, but we want to win it," Richardson said.

The Chiefs also finished in fifth place at the Athens Relays that took place Saturday in Troy.

They took fifth place in the shotput with a 118-foot, eight-inch cumulative throw. It was Lester Booker, Ron Opdyke and Frawley who threw for the Chiefs.

Waidmann, Frawley and Opdyke combined for a fourth-place finish in the discus (335-feet, eight-inches). Waidmann, Rossow and McClellan took fourth in the high jump (16 feet, 11 inches). Driscoll, Rossow and Preston took second in the long jump (54 feet, 10.5 inches).

The Chiefs took third place in the shuttle hurdle relays, too (105.7). Kiljanczyk, Preston, McClellan and Waidmann ran for Canton. The sprint medley team of Thomas, Rossow, Walsur and Soash came in second place (135.6) and the 1,600-meter relay team of Williams, Kiljanczyk, Cyrus Azizi and Soash took fifth (3:38.4).



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Work is still under way to construct new athletic fields on the campus of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP). School officials hope the artificial turf will last longer and help reduce student injuries. The field should be complete this year.

Softball - Busy week ahead

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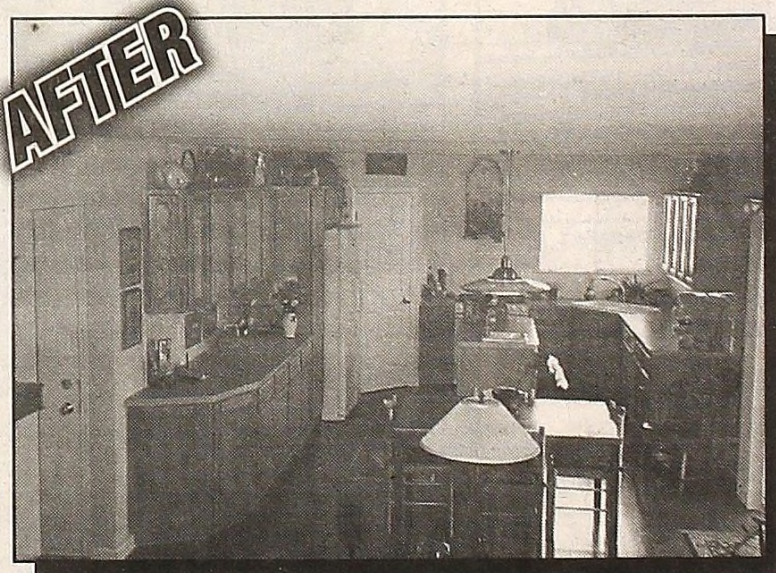
be too disappointed about it."

Lisa Sprankle went two for three and Ross was one for two with a triple. Amber Pilot was one for three.

"We're getting a lot of hits from a lot of different people," Arnold said.

The Chiefs have eight games this week as they try to make up for the ones postponed due to inclement weather.

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John Glenn runners place fourth at Jackson invite

Scott Spielman
Editor

The John Glenn Rockets girls track team put in a dominating performance Saturday at the Jackson relays.

Tonya White scored 20 points to help the Rockets to a fourth-place finish at the 16-team meet.

She earned second-place finishes in the 100-meter dash (12.8) and the 200-meter dash (26.9) and helped out in the 100-meter relay

team that finished in second place (149.5). Elizabeth Easter, Stephanie Foster, Chantal Moore completed the team.

"She should've won the 100-meter, too, but she got a bad start out of the block," said John Glenn Coach Kirk Conner.

The 400-meter relay team also finished in second place and Moore took sixth in the 400-meter dash (62.8).

Conner said the win was a good one after the 84-53 loss to Walled

Lake Western on Thursday.

White won the 100-meter dash in that one (12.8) as well as the 200-meter (27.8); Easter took the honors in the long jump (15 feet, three inches).

Chantal Moore won the 400-meter dash (63.6).

The relay teams were again strong for the Rockets. They won the 400-meter (53.0) with Brittany Howard, Alisa Or, Foster and Easter; the 800-meter (150.8) with Easter, Moore, Foster and White

and the 1,600-meter (4:32) with Easter, Foster, Julia Degroot and Moore.

"We have good people, we just didn't have enough of them for the meet," Conner said.

The Rockets faced Salem Tuesday, another deep team with a lot of competitors. The regional competition starts on Friday and Conner said he had hopes that some of his athletes will break through and go on to the state competition. White should make

it, and other team members could, as well.

"If we have decent weather, we definitely should have some state qualifiers," he said. "If (Easter) is consistent, she could go there, too."

The relay teams could make it if they shaved a second or two off their times, as well.

"They're not that far off," Conner said. "It's a matter of getting better on our hand-offs and getting a little smoother."

Rockets beat back Wayne for second time this season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The wind and cold didn't stop the John Glenn Rockets varsity softball team from beating cross-town rivals Wayne Memorial Monday night in 12 innings. "It was a great game played by both teams," said John Glenn coach Kim Shock.

The final score was 7-4.

There was outstanding play by both teams' pitchers, she said. In the end it was the Rocket's starting pitcher, Dana Baran, who prevailed. She pitched all 12 innings and struck out 17 batters.

"It was windy and cold and hard to throw strikes," said Shock. "She did a great job."

The Rockets scored one run in each of the sixth, seventh, eighth and tenth innings. The team put

three scores on the board in the twelfth to put the game away.

Megan Dean led the Rockets in hits, going 4 for 6 with two runs scored and one RBI. It was Sarah Tyree who batted in the winning run in the 12th.

"It was a double up the alley," said Shock, "a great hit."

The win put the team at 8-11 for the season. According to Shock, the team's great attitude, win or lose, has been the difference this season. After a disappointing week last week and losing their games at the Bedford Invitational tournament on Saturday, the team's winning attitude was evident in Monday night's win.

"The team never gave up even with Wayne as the home team," said Shock. "We took two from Wayne this year," she said.

"We're pretty happy about that."

It was a good follow up to a rough week for the Rockets. They lost to Walled Lake Central 10-0 and then lost three close games at the Bedford Invitational.

"We weren't hitting well all week long," said Shock.

The Rockets managed only three hits Thursday when they faced off against Walled Lake Western.

That game ended in a mercy victory for the Warriors, 10-0. Baran struck out four batters in the loss.

"It was one of those games where you wanted to just close up the books afterward," Shock said.

The Rockets fared better at the Bedford Invitational, but didn't have any victories to show for it.

They lost close games to Carlson and Monroe before Riverview blew them out in the finale 16-3.

Their first game came against Carlson, which they lost 2-1.

After that they took on a good Monroe team and were blanked 4-0, according to Shock.

"They're a really tough team," she said of the Trojans, one of the

few teams to beat both Canton and Garden City. "We had one bad inning. That was the whole game."

Shock said the team was a little dispirited after the rough week, but still had a good attitude.

"We're hanging in there," she said. "I try to take something positive out of every game."

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Belleville Tigers show youth in rough softball losses

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers girls softball team saw some mixed success last week, according to Coach Peggy Curtis.

They gave up six runs in one inning in a loss Friday to Trenton High School and went 2-1 at the Canton Invitational tournament on Sunday.

"We're real young, and we make our share of mistakes," Curtis said.

Whitney McWilliams pitched the Friday game and gave up 12 hits with a walk and a strikeout. Most of the damage came in the fifth inning.

The Tigers got their run in the fourth inning. Michele Davenport led the inning with a single and moved to second on a fielder's

choice. McWilliams doubled and sent her home. The score was tied at one going into the fifth.

"We played better defense, but we gave up some hits," Curtis said.

Davenport and McWilliams each had two hits in the loss.

The Canton Invitational was put off a day because of inclement weather so the teams took the field on a cold, windy Mother's Day.

The Tigers squared off first against Dexter High School and beat them 5-3, according to Curtis.

They put three runs on the board in the third and two runs up in the fourth. The Dreadnaughts scored two in the third and one run in the fifth inning.

Laura Voss was on the mound for the Tigers. She gave up only four hits in the win. Davenport and McWilliams each had two

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*We're young,
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Coach Peggy Curtis

hits in the win.

That put the Tigers into a game against Livonia Stevenson, who put a young pitcher on the mound against them. She was a little wild on the day, walking 10 batters. The Tigers took advantage of the extra opportunities and put 10 runs on the board with a 15-0 mercy victory after four innings.

McWilliams was in the groove for the Tigers. She pitched all four innings and gave up only

three hits with a walk and three strikeouts.

Tammy Mida provided two hits, as did Davenport and Jessica Sweat.

"The top of the order is starting to hit a lot better," Curtis said.

The Tigers faced a tough competitor in their next game when they faced the host Canton Chiefs. They came close, but lost to the Chiefs 5-7.

"We hung in there for a while," Curtis said.

Canton put up two runs in the first inning, two in the second one in the fifth and two in the seventh. Belleville scored twice in the first inning, once in the second inning and twice in the third to take a 5-5 tie into the final frame.

The Chiefs scored their two runs with a lead-off single, a dou-

ble and then another single.

McWilliams started the game but only went six innings.

"She was just worn out," Curtis said.

Four errors in the first two innings gave Canton the upper hand. Mida had two more hits, as did Davenport. Danelle Dotson led the team with three.

The Tigers are 8-12 overall and 0-6 in the Mega Red conference.

"We're young, but we're getting better," Curtis said. "The Mega conference is really tough this year. Once we get out of the league, we do okay."

The Tigers have a busy week this week with plenty of makeup games scheduled among their regularly set games. They play Lincoln Park, Southgate and then travel to the Madonna Tournament in Livonia.

Mustangs ready to play 6 games within 64 hours

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Northville Mustangs rebounded from their first division loss last week to the Canton Chiefs with a come-from-behind victory Thursday against the Churchill Chargers.

It was the third game in a week that the Mustangs rallied from behind to snatch the victory, according to Coach Mickey Newman.

Churchill jumped out to an early 2-0

lead but Northville rebounded to win the game, 10-4.

Jimmy Riehl got things rolling for Northville with a two-out, three-run homer in the third inning. He wound up with four RBIs on the day. Matt Williams was two for four with two RBIs and Scott McNeish broke out of a small slump. He went two for two, reached base three times and scored three runs.

The win makes Northville 9-5 overall and 4-1 in the division. They're still in the driver's seat for the divisional champi-

onship, but they've got to get past Canton, first.

They were set to play the second half of a postponed game on Tuesday.

The Mustangs also swept a double header against Stevenson last week after two late inning rallies.

They topped the Spartans 8-7 in the opener after they scored three runs in the sixth inning, according to Newman. They rallied from a 7-2 deficit to top the Spartans 13-8 in the second half. Brian Tellish hit a solo home run in that one and the

Mustangs got most of their runs in an eight-run fourth inning. That rally was capped by a bases-clearing double from Jake Dumbleton.

The Mustangs have a busy week ahead of them.

The bad weather this spring has caused the majority of their rescheduled games to take place this weekend. They have to play six games in the span of 64 hours, Newman said.

"We'll try to work our way through it," he said.

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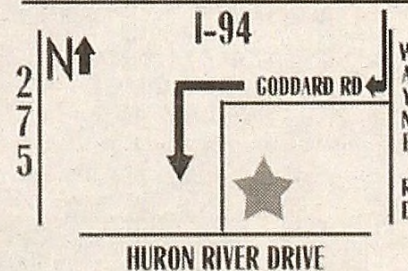
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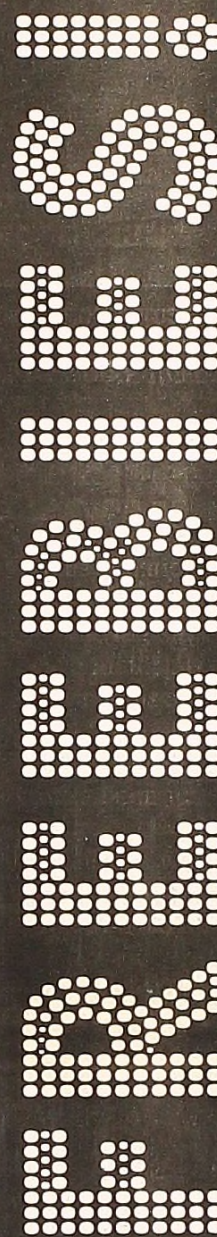
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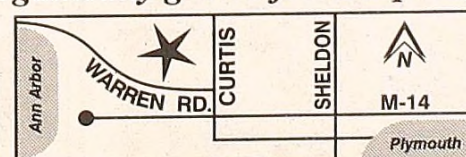


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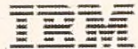


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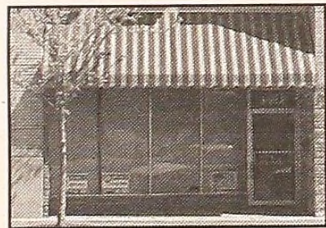
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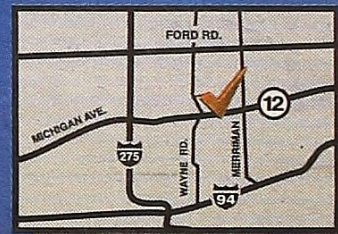
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